

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUPPLIES FOR THE 2ND will be collected TODAY. Drop items in the marked tub in the narthex. Thank you!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! The choir will rehearse Wednesday, May 11th at 5:15pm to sing during worship on Sunday, May 15. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING! Dear FPC family, THANK YOU for your generous contributions to One Great Hour Of Sharing this Lenten season! Our congregation raised \$874.28 to support our neighbors around the world, including special humanitarian aid in Ukraine. The Mission Committee will meet this week to add funds and make this a total gift of \$1,000 or more. We are awed and inspired by this church family's generosity!

****URGENT** COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!** All spots beyond this Sunday are open in need of hosts. Fellowship time is a precious chance to express and experience the gift of hospitality. A sign-up sheet and directions for hosting are available in the Coffee Hour room. Please consider serving.

PICNIC CELEBRATION: An all-church picnic Sunday honoring this year's Sunday School teachers, as well as, all graduates will be at Murphy Park in the Fuhrman Enclosed Pavilion after worship on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Please bring your own lunch, tableware, and drinks. The CE committee will provide a dessert.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF MINISTRY: The Session is coordinating several special events and activities in acknowledgment of our 175th year of sharing Christ in Dubuque. If you are interested in contributing to the celebration in a specific way, please reach out to Pastor Stephanie or a Session member ASAP.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for CREATORS CAMP! FPC has committed to providing volunteers to help at Creator's Camp. Volunteers will not need to prepare anything ahead of time. Volunteers simply need to show up on the Wednesday afternoon of their choosing between June 15-August 10 from 1pm-4pm. They will share God's love with kids and join them in their activities. Volunteer for one Wednesday or more! Contact Pastor Stephanie ASAP if you are willing to help. Let's show our community we care about kids.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00am during the school year, and worship at 10:15am. Nursery care is located in the basement and is provided during both the Sunday School and worship hour for children through age 5.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun. May 8		Mother's Day
<i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
Wed. May 11	5:15pm	Choir
Sun. May 15	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	Following worship	All-Church picnic @ Louis Murphy Park (see details in announcements)

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through May 2 totaled \$2,768.

- Offerings Year to Date through March - \$34,985
- Expenses Year to Date through March - \$38,209

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons for the month of May: Jamie Dillman & Judy Sheridan

Pastor Stephanie's office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm on Monday and Wednesday. Contact her anytime with prayer requests or pastoral care needs at 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com

Admin Office Hours* for Ginger Vander Broek are 9:30am-1:30pm Monday (home), Wednesday (home), and 9:30am-12:30pm Thursday (at FPC). *Office hours may change slightly week to week.

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MAY 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Return to the Heart” Lanz

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION
The eternal God, the source of love and light, created all people. Jesus Christ, the risen one, lives among all people. The Spirit, the holy fire, is available to renew people. May we be awakened to and inspired by God’s surprising work among us.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Awake! Rise up!
 There is much to be done in the Lord’s Name today.
Get ready to worship and to serve God.
 We are ready to hear God’s word for us and to respond in action and love.
Open your hearts to God’s will this day.
 Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE #2 Lyons
 “O Worship the King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want
 I seek the grace of God
 Silence
 I seek the will of God
 Silence
 I seek the strength of God
 Silence
 I seek to be serve as a follower of God
 Silence
 I sometimes fail to trust and follow God
 Silence
Even when we fail,
How generous is God's love . . .
 My cup runneth over
 Silence
The Lord is our Shepherd and we lack nothing
 In Christ we find wholeness and restoration
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven...
 and freed to try again.

*GLORIA PATRI #734

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC “Gavotte” arr. Suzuki

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING p. 1708
 Acts 9:36-43

SERMON
 “The Unexpected Acts of God: An Astonishing Imitation”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #461 Trentham
 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “This We Believe”**
I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God’s crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living
God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ’s people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and
tribulations as we travel the road towards the “promised land”
of God’s future.

Because Christ has called me
in this I truly believe.
Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY Lanz
 “Corre, Rio, Corre (Run, River Run)”
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #425 Bunnesan
 “Christ Beside Me” vv. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Heart Sounds” Lanz

**Those who are able, please stand.*
***This Affirmation of Faith is inspired by Mark 1:14-20 and Matthew 4:18-22; and was written by Bruce Prewer*

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the Coffee Hour Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Greeters: Mark & Deb Stant
Coffee Fellowship hosts: Bill & Karen Stant
Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Bryan Blair
Pianist: Callie Mescher
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Alex Eby
Musicians: Alex Eby, Callie Mescher